

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A speech input system comprising:

a speech input terminal provided with speech input/output means, and means for displaying an access status to an external system;

an application service provider for providing different information; and

a speech portal server which controls a conversation between said speech input terminal and said application service provider based on the provided speech; wherein said speech portal server is provided with

speech recognizing means for receiving speech from said speech input terminal to recognize it as a text,

command converting means for checking the recognized text with a command text dictionary, extracting a command text from the recognized text, [[and]] determining the text other than the extracted command text as an object text [[or]] and conducting a morpheme analysis to remove postposition from the text other than the extracted command text and to determine it as the object text, and

conversation control means for sending the separated command text and said object text to said application service provider, and providing said speech input terminal with information searched by said application service provider.